

**UTAH
PLUMBERS LICENSING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

DECEMBER 5, 2007

**Room 474 - 4th Floor - 08:30 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, Utah**

CONVENED: 08:32 AM

ADJOURNED: 10:13 AM

DOPL STAFF F. David Stanley, *Director*
Ross Ford, *Associate Director*
Dennis Meservy, *Bureau Manager*
Wayne Holman, *Investigations Supervisor*
Katie Tris, *Board Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT David Told, Chairman
Gloria Miley
Ed Gongaware
Travis Dalley

MEMBER EXCUSED David Halverson

VISITORS Robert Bergman, *Utah Mechanical Contractors*
Jeff Pederson, *Utah Plumbing & Heating Contractors*

MINUTES Travis Dalley made a motion to accept the November 2007 board minutes as written. Gloria Miley seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

MASTER PLUMBER Jeff Pederson indicated he had spoken to a number of state legislators. As of yet there is not a sponsor for the bill, however, there does appear to be support for legislation to create the master plumber license classification.

The board is in support of legislation to create the master plumber license classification. In their previous meeting they approved a letter in support of this legislation that was directed to the state legislator. The letter, however, was later revised and updated to include support from the Construction Services Commission. Miley made a motion to approve the revised letter. Ed Gongaware seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

An avenue for obtaining the proposed master plumber license classification would be, along with work experience, an associate degree. This would raise the importance of an associate degree to those working in the plumbing industry. David Told was concerned about those presently earning credit in an applied technical college being able to transfer those credits to a college or university in order to obtain an associate degree. Told stated that Brad Stevens, chairman of the Electrical Board and the Construction Services Commission for the state, would like this not to be a big expense for any student wanting to obtain an associate degree. Told stated apprentices should be able to transfer credits state wide.

RECIPROCITY

The board has determined that as far as the practical plumbing test, Idaho and Montana have an equivalent hands-on test. Journeyman plumbers from these two states will have to take the Utah written test. However, journeyman from Idaho and Montana, who have taken the hands-on tests in their respective states, will not have to take the Utah hands-on practical test. Gongaware would be looking at six others states for possible reciprocity and would be reporting his findings to the board.

TEST PROVIDER

According to F. David Stanley, a contract has been signed with PSI to be the test provider for DOPL starting January 1, 2008. Meservy said PSI would be working on tests that met the board's current standards and at some point would need to meet with the board to review the tests.

With the change in the test provider the board discussed the need to meet with the different schools.

LIQUID PROPANE GAS

Liquid propane gas is regulated through the office of the state Fire Marshall. According to information received through David Halverson, journeyman plumbers may no longer have to take the liquid propane test and those who have passed the Rocky Mountain natural gas certification test may possibly now substitute that test for the liquid propane gas test. The test may also be waived for apprentices in an approved federal bureau training program. Additional clarification was needed. The board wanted to know about the training being taught in schools and the type of testing being done. Told indicated he would talk to Halverson and the issue would be addressed at the next board meeting.

APPLICATION REVIEW

Chad Worthington

Chad Worthington came before the board with the request to reinstate his Apprentice Plumber's License. Discussed restrictions included, but not limited to, providing his employer with a copy of his Memorandum of Understanding from DOPL and notification of any change of employer or address. Also, his work was to be confined to unoccupied structures and not working around those less than eighteen years of age. Dalley made a motion to approve a probationary license that included the items discussed above. Gongaware seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Note: This report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript, but is intended to record the significant features of what was discussed in the meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily arranged in chronological order.

(ss) David Told
David Told, Plumber's Chairman

Date: January 2, 2007

(ss) Dennis Meservy
Dennis Meservy, Bureau Manager

Date: January 2, 2007